

REMARKS

Claims 33-62 are currently pending in this Application. Claims 33, 46, and 53 are amended with this Response. Claim 42 is cancelled. Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for indication the Allowable Subject Matter of claims 41, 52, and 62.

The Examiner's objection and rejections will now be addressed in turn. An RCE entering this Response is respectfully submitted herewith.

Claim Objections

Claim 42 is objected to for allegedly setting forth subject matter already present in claim 39. In response, Applicant respectfully cancels claim 42.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

Claims 33-40, 42-51, and 53-61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,758,371 to VanDyke (VanDyke hereinafter). Applicant respectfully traverses.

"A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. V. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987).

Applicant's amended claims 33, 46, and 53 recite, respectively,

"wherein the angles of direction of said at least one wheel are pre-defined values,"

"said interface controls the angle of direction of each of the wheels with pre-defined values," and

"where a direction of at least one wheel is controlled by a controller with a direct change of wheel position between pre-defined values."

VanDyke does not teach wheels with pre-defined angles of direction. On the contrary, referring to column 13, lines 56-57, VanDyke teaches its device to allow “the driver hereof total 360 degree motion and maneuverability.” This total 360 degree motion and maneuverability is in opposition to any sort of pre-defined values, as it offers no directional restrictions. For at least this reason, VanDyke does not teach every element of Applicant’s claims 33, 46, and 53, or claims 34-40, 42-45, 47-51, and 53-61 that depend variously therefrom.

Accordingly, for at least the above reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that VanDyke does not anticipate Applicant’s claims 33-40, 42-51, and 53-61.

Conclusion

All of the rejections are herein overcome. No new matter is added by way of the present Amendments and Remarks, as support is found throughout the original filed specification, claims and drawings. Moreover, the amendments as presented do not alter the scope of the claimed invention and therefore cannot necessitate a new grounds rejection. Issuance of Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicant hereby petitions for any necessary extension of time required for consideration of this Response.

Please charge any fees due with respect to this Response, or otherwise regarding the application, to Deposit Account 06-1130 maintained by Applicant's attorneys.

Please contact the undersigned for any reason. Applicant seeks to cooperate with the Examiner, including via telephone, if convenient for the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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